



## BIBLE STUDY

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**2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

**Philippians**

**Joyful Living Through Christ**

**Embracing Humility Unity & Perseverance in the Face of Trials**

**Philippians 1:1-11**

**Paul Appreciation of the Church in Philippi**

### **1. Paul's Acknowledgment to The Church (1-3)**

**1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons[a]:**

“Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, **called to be an apostle**”,

Paul does not think it necessary to state his apostleship; but writes, in a tone of familiarity.

When Paul says he is a slave he is emphasizing his complete devotion and submission to Christ Jesus.

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace is the greeting with Greek letters always begin & peace the greeting which Jews met each other.

Peace-means not so much the absence of trouble but is means total well-being.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you.

## 2. Paul's Affection for the Church (4-8)

4 In all my prayers **for all of you**, I always pray with joy

5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

Partnership here is translated from the Greek word "koinonia," which implies a deep fellowship and sharing.

6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It was on the fact that it was begun by God, that he based his firm conviction that it would be permanent.

NLT: Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

This phrase underscores God's commitment to finish what He starts.

NLT Isaiah 64:8

8 And yet, O Lord, you are our Father.  
    We are the clay, and you are the potter.  
    We all are formed by your hand.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in **God's grace** with me.

NLT 1 Peter 3:15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

In the context of the early church, this underscores the seriousness with which Paul regards his relationship with the Philippians.

### 3. Paul's Appeal to the Church (9-11)

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

Discern-Word used for testing metal to see that it is genuine.

## Pure—"that which is judged in sunshine"

That which can stand the test of the sunshine, without any flaw appearing.

**Blameless**-Means we never cause any other person to stumble.

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

NLT Romans 3:22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.